

## BRINGING MALAYSIA-GERMANY BILATERAL TIES TO NEW HEIGHTS



Malaysia and the Federal Republic of Germany has enjoyed good bilateral relations that dates all the way back to year 1957. Following the declaration of Malaysia's independence from the British, the Federal Republic of Germany wasted no time in formalizing ties Malaysia. Today, bilateral re-

lations between Malaysia and Germany continues to develop and expand, covering many fields of cooperation. Bilateral ties were also further bolstered by frequent high-level exchanges between the leadership of the 2 countries.

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## PRIME MINISTER NAJIB VISITS GERMANY

*(From front page)*

Kicking-off Autumn 2016, the Embassy was honoured to welcome Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak and delegation to the Federal Republic of Germany. Prime Minister Najib was in Germany for a 2-day official visit on 27 and 28 September 2016. He was accompanied by wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor, Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, as well as officials from Malaysian agencies.

The idea to visit Germany was first mooted way back in 2014, when Prime Minister Najib met German Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel for a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 10th ASEM Summit in Milan. During the bilateral meeting, Chancellor Merkel extended an invitation for Prime Minister Najib to visit Germany. From there on, both sides have been working to find

suitable window to organize the visit, taking into consideration both leaders' busy schedule.

What made the visit significant is the fact that it is Dato' Sri Najib's first visit to Germany as Prime Minister, and also the fact that the last visit by the Prime Minister of Malaysia took place more than a decade ago. The last visit by the Prime Minister of Malaysia was undertaken by Dato' Sri Najib's predecessor, (then) Dato' Sri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in 2005.

Apart from having bilateral meeting with his counterpart, Prime Minister Najib also took the opportunity of the visit to engage local business leaders, Malaysian community and also regional leaders.

*(Also see pages 3-8 for more activities during Prime Minister's visit to Germany)*



**Left:** Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Razak received by the Chief of Protocol at the Federal Foreign Office Amb. Jürgen Christian Mertens upon arrival in Berlin.

**Right:** Prime Minister Najib and wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor with the first couple of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in front of the State Chancellery.



## PM NAJIB INVITES GERMAN LAWMAKERS TO VISIT MALAYSIA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PALM OIL



**Above:** Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Razak having a discussion with Chancellor Merkel prior to their working lunch.



**Above Right:** Prime Minister Najib and Chancellor Merkel after the joint press conference.



**Right:** Delegation from both sides discussing issues of mutual concern during the working lunch.

**Berlin, 27 September** - As the highlight of the official visit of Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak to Germany, German Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel hosted Prime Minister Najib and delegation in a working lunch at the Federal Chancellery. The working lunch was preceded by a simple, yet majestic official welcoming ceremony at the courtyard of the Federal Chancellery. After inspecting the Guard of Honour, both leaders proceeded to the working lunch, where they discussed issues of mutual importance. Apart from the state of bilateral affairs between Malaysia and Germany, the issue of terrorism and extremism were high in the agenda of the meeting. Both countries shared their experiences in dealing with the spread of extremist ideologies and in the case of Malaysia, Prime Minister Najib highlighted Malaysia's efforts to promote the voice of moderation, particularly through the global movement of the moderates.

Both leaders also discussed Europe's sentiment towards the palm oil industry. For years, palm oil products have been a subject of extreme scrutiny in Europe, mainly due to the accusation that palm plantations bring adverse effect to the environment. Prime Minister Najib stressed that palm oil production in Malaysia is always done in a sustainable, controlled environment, and that Malaysia does not practice slash and burn. He extended an invitation to German Parliamentarians to visit Malaysia to see how palm oil plantations are managed in the country.

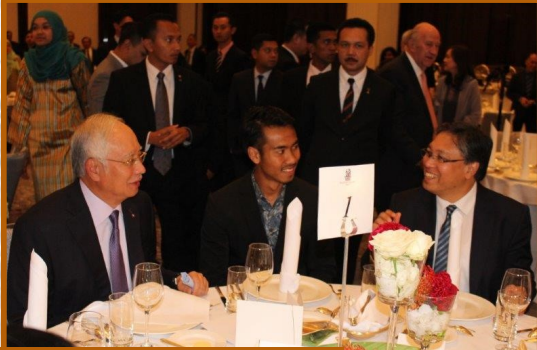
## PRIME MINISTER NAJIB MEETS THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY IN GER

**Berlin, 27 September** - Prime Minister Najib took the time to engage Malaysians in Germany during a dinner event held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Some 200 guests, comprising students, business people, and Malaysian diaspora attended the event.

In his speech, Prime Minister Najib called for Malaysians to emulate the German attitude and discipline in the conduct of daily life. The innovative spirit of the Germans should also be set as example that Malaysians should strive to follow.



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## PM NAJIB MEETS GERMAN BUSINESS LEADERS

**Berlin, 27 September** - A dialogue session with German business leaders was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Heads of 24 German companies, 4 Malaysian companies as well as representatives from a number of German business organizations participated in the dialogue session, aimed at providing a platform for direct interaction between the Prime Minister and German business community.

The dialogue was opened with a welcoming remark by Prof. Dato' Seri Dr. Ludwig Georg Braun, Honorary President of the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), who is also representing the Asia-Pacific Committee of German business (APA). Prime Minister Najib delivered his statement thereafter. In his remark, Prime Minister Najib commended the progress achieved in bilateral trade and investment in the past years. He further said that Malaysian business could learn a lot from

German *Mittelstand* in terms of business ethics, innovative spirit and efficient operation practices. Prime Minister Najib reiterated Malaysia's support towards APA as well as the interest to host the 16th APA Conference in 2018.

The open dialogue that followed was moderated by Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry. Business leaders were invited to pose questions to Prime Minister. Amongst issues raised include the national automotive policy, development of skilled labours in Malaysia and concerns related to environmentally-friendly industry practices in the country.

The occasion of the visit was also taken advantage of by some German companies to have separate business meetings with Prime Minister Najib. The meetings allowed said companies to brief Prime Minister Najib on their business plans in Malaysia and discuss specific proposal.





## SATELLITE PIPELINE PENS A DEAL WITH AWS SCHÄFER



**Berlin, 27 September** - On the sidelines of the business programme during the official visit of Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Razak to Germany, an agreement between Satellite Pipeline Sdn. Bhd. and AWS Schäfer Technologie GmbH was concluded. The agreement was signed by Mr. Hubertus Engels, CEO of AWS Schäfer, and Mr. Abdullah Osman, managing Director of Satellite Pipeline, and witnessed by Prime Minister Najib, Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Honorary President of the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry Prof. Dato' Seri Dr. Ludwig Georg Braun and CEO of Malaysian Investment Development Authority Dato' Azman Mahmud.

Under the agreement, Satellite Pipeline and AWS Schäfer will jointly develop an induction pipe bending facility in Gebeng, Pahang for the use of oil and gas industry.

## MALAYSIAN INVESTMENT TO FURTHER REINVIGORATE MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN'S ECONOMY

**Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, 28 September** - To conclude his two-day official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, Prime Minister Najib travelled to the northwestern Federal State Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The visit to the Federal State began at the State's capital Schwerin, where Prime Minister Najib and wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor were welcomed by the State's Minister-President Erwin Sellering and wife Britta Sellering. The Malaysian delegation had a bilateral meeting with members of the State's administration, discussing topics of common interest for both parties which include among others, renewable energy, education and tourism.

From Schwerin, Prime Minister Najib travelled further up north to the Hanseatic City of Wismar. At Wismar, Prime Minister Najib visited a shipyard of MV Werften (formerly known as Lloyd Werften), a company that was recently acquired by Malaysian-owned Genting Group. Through the acquisition, Genting has established its own ship building operations in a several locations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, namely Stralsund, Warnemünde and Wismar. These shipyards will be used to build Genting's own fleet of cruise ships to enable it to meet the demands of the cruise industry. Between 2017 and 2022, the shipyards owned by Genting in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are expected to complete the construction of more than 10 cruise ships from different classes.

Genting's investment, valued at around €360 million, will rejuvenate the Wismar's ship-building industry and provide employment opportunities for the City's citizens.



## PAVING WAY FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN QUALITY CERTIFICATION

**Hannover, 28 July** - H.E. Ambassador undertook a working visit to the headquarters of TÜV NORD. The visit was a follow-up to the discussion which took place during the ASEAN Dialogue in April 2016. At the TÜV NORD headquarters, H.E. Ambassador was welcomed by the Group's member of the board Dr. Klaus Kleinherbers and heads of units of the Group's mobility section.

During the visit, H.E. Ambassador was taken to a number of TÜV NORD's vehicle inspection stations around Hannover, as well as met representatives of the company to discuss the outlook of vehicle inspection in Malaysia and how the current inspection policy could be changed to better suit present and future needs.



## CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT VISITS THE EMBASSY FOR A DIALOGUE SESSION WITH MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS



**Berlin, 19 September** - A dialogue session between H.E. Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia and Malaysian Government officials in Germany took place at the Embassy. The dialogue session was held in conjunction with H.E. Tan Sri Dr. Ali's working visit to Innotrans 2016 (the world's largest rail transport trade fair, held biennially in Berlin), in his capacity as the Chairman of MRT Corp.

During the session, H.E. Ambassador gave Tan Sri Dr. Ali an overview on the roles and work undertaken by Malaysian agencies in Germany. Tan Sri Dr. Ali also updated the officials on measures that have been undertaken by the Government of Malaysia in improving the delivery of Government services. In his briefing, he emphasized on the implementation of the National Blue Ocean Strategy, as well as the need for Government Agencies to adopt creative and innovative ideas in improving the Government system.

## VISIT TO BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG CAPS OFF MALAYSIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BAC

**Baden-Württemberg, 12-14 July** - To conclude Malaysia's Chairmanship of the Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC), the Embassy organized a working visit of the Committee to the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg. The working visit was part of BAC's effort to touch base and establish rapport with the State's leadership, especially following the state elections in March 2016 and the formation of the new State Government thereafter.

The working visit began in Baden-Baden in the evening of 12 July 2016, where BAC members met representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IHK) of Karlsruhe. The programme continued the following day in Stuttgart, where the Committee engaged representatives of State Government and business community. Led by Chairman H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan, the Committee met the Minister President of Baden-Württemberg, Mr. Winfried Kretschmann for a dialogue session over lunch, visited Daimler AG's vocational training plant and participated in a dialogue session with representatives of IHK Stuttgart. The delegation also had the opportunity to meet Duke Carl of Württemberg at his estate, where the Committee benefited from information exchange on the history of the old German feudal system and the role that the feudal class plays in today's society.

To conclude the working visit, the delegation had a breakfast meeting with Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut, Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing of Baden-Württemberg on 14 July 2016. Representatives of a number of local agencies in Baden-Württemberg's were present at the meeting to deliver presentations on themes revolving around the potentials of Baden-Württemberg as a business location.



**Left:** Members of the BAC posing for a photo with Minister-President Winfried Kretschmann.

**Right:** ASEAN Ambassadors with Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Dr. Nicole Kraut-Hoffmeister





## ASEAN CELEBRATES THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

**Berlin, 8 September** - The Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) hosted an ASEAN Day reception at the Embassy of the Republic of Singapore. More than 300 guests comprising German Government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives from business communities, think tanks, CSOs and local ASEAN communities in Berlin joined the BAC in celebrating the auspicious occasion. The event was opened with a welcoming remark by H.E. Daw Yin Yin Myint, Ambassador of Myanmar and Chairperson of the BAC. Chairman of the ASEAN Parliamentary Friendship Group Dr. Thomas Gambke (Greens) and Amb. Sabine Sparwasser, Director General for Political Affairs (Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Near and Middle East) at the German Federal Foreign Office, were also invited to deliver their remarks as guests of honour.

This year's ASEAN Day also showcased the ASEAN culture. A "food bazaar"-themed buffet comprising traditional cuisine from each ASEAN Member State was prepared for the guests. Malaysia's booth featured a variety of finger food under the theme "Nyonya's Delight". A Sumazau Dance performance by members of the Malaysia Club Berlin was also presented to guests at the reception.



**Clockwise from top left:** Malaysia's booth showcasing "Nyonya Delights"; Malaysia Club Berlin's Sumazau group; ASEAN Ambassadors and spouses posing for a group photo; Ambassador Sabine Sparwasser delivering her speech; Dr. Thomas Gambke's remarks

## ASEAN FAMILY PICNIC

**Berlin, 7 August** - Staff and family members of ASEAN embassies in Berlin enjoyed a day of fun under the sun at Wansee. The event was held to bring staff of ASEAN embassies closer and also held as part of commemoration of the ASEAN Day on 8 August. Throughout the day participants played a variety of games, shared a wide range of dishes and enjoyed the company of one another.



## MALAYSIA HANDS OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BAC TO MYANMAR

**Berlin, 21 July** - After an exciting 6 months at the helm of the Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC), it was time for Malaysia to hand over the chairmanship of the Committee to the next Chair, Myanmar. The handing over took place during a BAC meeting at the Embassy of Malaysia. As a symbolic gesture, the outgoing Chair, H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan presented the ASEAN Flag to the new BAC Chair, H.E. Daw Yin Yin Myint. The Committee also adopted the report on BAC activities undertaken through Malaysia's Chairmanship (January – July 2016) and agreed to submit it to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.



## LET'S MAKE KUIH KETAYAP!

Kuih Ketayap (also known as Kuih Dadar) is a relatively common traditional sweet in Malaysia. Essentially described as pandan-flavoured crepe with sweet coconut filling, this delectable snack perfectly pairs a cup of tea or coffee in the morning or afternoon. While easily found in stalls or markets in Malaysia, it is also easy to make at home!

### Ingredients (Crepe Batter)

- Pandan Juice (made by blending 5 pandan leaves with 3-4 tablespoons water and straining the blended liquid)
- 120g flour
- 1 egg
- 300ml coconut milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

### Ingredients (Filling)

- 90g Gula Melaka (palm sugar)
- 1tbsp sugar
- 1 pandan leaf, knotted
- 50ml water
- Flesh from 1/2 coconut, grated
- 1tsp corn starch



### Method

1. Mix flour, egg, salted coconut milk and 3 tablespoons pandan juice in a big bowl. Set aside.
2. Cook palm sugar, sugar, pandan leaf and water in a pot until it turns into a syrup. Strain the syrup and return it to the pot. Add in the grated coconut and corn starch. Continue to cook for a few minutes. Set aside.
3. Heat a shallow frying pan over a low flame and grease lightly with oil. Pour 2 tablespoons of the batter in the center and swirl the pan to form a thin crepe of about 13 cm in diameter.
4. When the crepe is cooked, transfer it onto a chopping board.
5. Place 2 heaped teaspoons of filling on the crepe and roll the crepe (like a spring roll).
6. Serve immediately. Best enjoyed as morning coffee or afternoon tea snack.

# UPCOMING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA

Holiday	Date
Maulidurrasul	12 December
Christmas	25 December

Note: Should a public holiday fall on Sunday, the following working day shall be observed as a holiday



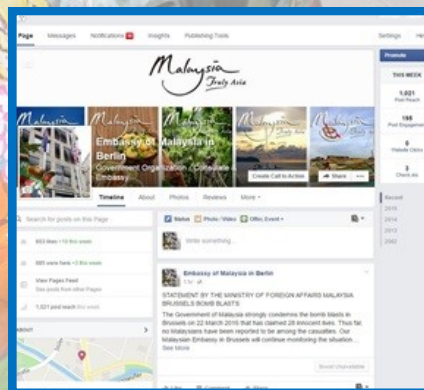
## Do you know?

Do you know that the month of October has been designated as *Bulan Bahasa Kebangsaan* (National Malay Language Month)?

In conjunction with *Bulan Bahasa Kebangsaan*, Embassy of Malaysia's e-Newsletter will also be published in Bahasa Malaysia. Get them from the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Embassy's official Facebook page.



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